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SUBJECT: TUNISIA CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS FINANCIAL CLAIMS
AGAINST IRAQI AIRLINES; MATTER BEING HANDLED BILATERALLY

REF: A. HARRIS-BALLARD EMAIL OF 07/18/2006

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Classified By: CDA David Ballard for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C/NF) In a August 19 call on MFA Americas Deputy Director Moez Sinaoui, Sinaoui confirmed to Pol/EconCouns that the GOT does still have financial claims against Iraqi Airlines for the long-term storage of four Iraqi Airways aircraft in Tunisia (Ref B). Sinaoui reiterated the GOT's previously stated position that the GOT views this issue as a bilateral matter to be resolved between Tunisia and Iraq. Sinaoui expressed satisfaction that the Iraqi government had designated a British accounting firm (NFI) to "deal with us" on this issue.

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